

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph at page 12, lines 11-16 of the Specification with the following paragraph:

All aspects of this invention rely upon the acquisition of a fetal ECG trace of acceptable quality. Accordingly, the method and apparatus described in patent application[[],] publication nos. WO2001/26545 (published), EP1220640 (published), and AU 200076734-A (abandoned), which facilitates the detection and extraction of high quality fetal ECG from electrodes placed on the maternal abdomen over long recording periods [[is]] are suited to this purpose.